Year	No. of cases
2003	118
2004	34
2005	03
1.1.2006 to 30.4.2006	01

There is no increase in the number of cases declared sick during the last three years.

(c) Besides providing a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industries, steps taken for revival of sick industrial units, *inter-alia*, include setting up of Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and issue of guidelines by Reserve Bank of India to banks for financial support and amalgamation of sick units with healthy units. Wherever feasible rehabilitation schemes are sanctioned for the revival of the units registered with the BIFR which, *inter alia,* include restructuring of the capital induction of fresh funds by the promoters, Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies, relief and concessions in the form of rescheduling of dues by Financial Institutions, banks and Government and change of management.

Role of DGFT in Export-import

880. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the role of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade in the export-import scenario of the country is limited in the WTO regime;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main functions of the DGFT prior to the liberalization of export-import trade and thereafter; and

(d) the role of the DGFT in the coming years in the expanding liberalized export-import trade of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The main function of DGFT prior to enactment of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 was to regulate the imports and exports of the country. After the enactment of said Act, DGFT has taken over the role of facilitator rather than regulator. The Foreign Trade Policy and the procedures as laid down by virtue of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 is formulated with the objective of economic growth and national development. The aim is not only to double our percentage share of global merchandize trade by the year 2009 but the policies would also generate additional employment opportunities in semi urban and rural areas. The details of these export promotion measures are available in the book titled "Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009" and "Handbook of Procedures Volume I, 2004-09" updated as on 7th April, 2006. Both these publications are available in Parliament Library.

Funds to Andhra Pradesh under Growth Centre Scheme

881 SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under the Growth Centre Scheme and the Central Grant under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have appointed any consultancy agency to take up evaluation for industralisation in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANTI KUMAR): (a) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.